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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH CANADIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP

1. SECRETARY MET IN USMISSION FOR APPROXIMATELY
FORTY-FIVE MINUTES MORNING SEPTEMBER 25 WITH CANADIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP. FOLLOWING POINTS WERE DISCUSSED.

2. SECRETARY NOTED HIS AWARENESS OF CLOSE COOPERATION
AND TRADITIONAL FREINDSHIP BETWEEN CANADA AND US AND
SAID HE COUNTED ON THIS CONTINUING AND THAT HE LOOKED
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FORWARD PERSONALLY TO WORKING WITH SHARP. BOTH AGREED
THAT THERE WERE MANY MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST FOR
DISCUSSION WHICH COULD NOT BE COVERED IN BRIEF PERIOD AND
THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED

BETWEEN THEM, PROBABLY IN WASHINGTON, FOR THIS PURPOSE. AFTER DISCUSSION OF RESPECTIVE SCHEDULES, IT APPEARED THAT THE FIRST PART OF NOVEMBER MIGHT BE A FEASIBLE TIME FOR SUCH MEETING AND SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH CANADIANS TO SEE WHAT COULD BE WORKED OUT.

3. SHARP SAID HE HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH SEPTEMBER 24. HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY HAD PROPOSED WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE BUT HAD NOT MENTIONED FAO. SECRETARY SAID WE FELT TWO MIGHT BE COMBINED. FRANKLY, THERE HAS BEEN SOME DOMESTIC REACTION IN US AGAINST FAO CONFERENCE, WHICH SOME PEOPLE IN CONGRESS SEE AS EFFORT BY FOREIGNERS TO TELL US WHAT TO DO WITH OUR WHEAT. THEREFORE, WE HAVE FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO PUT SUBJECT IN NEW FRAMEWORK. SHARP AGREED AND SAID HE THOUGHT THIS INITIATIVE WAS LONG OVER DUE.

4. SHARP THEN REFERRED TO SECRETARY'S POSITION ON SUPPORT OF PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS AND SAID THIS SEEMED TO BE SOMETHING NEW. SECRETARY CONFIRMED THIS WAS A NEW DEPARTURE FOR US AND SHARP STATED THAT THIS WAS VERY WELCOME IN CANADIAN EYES.

5. SHARP ALSO WONDERED ABOUT TIMING OF SECRETARY'S MENTION RE JAPAN JOINING SECURITY COUNCIL, NOTING THAT UN CHARTER WILL BE UP FOR REVISION NEXT YEAR, WHICH MIGHT SEEM MORE PROPITIOUS TIME FOR INITIATIVE CONCERNING JAPAN. SECRETARY RECALLED THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAD ALSO BEEN MADE BY SECRETARY ROGERS LAST YEAR AND THAT IF HE HAD OMITTED IT FROM HIS SPEECH, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NOTED. WHILE WE THUS FELT IT DESIRABLE TO MENTION THE ISSUE, IT WAS NOTHING US WOULD PRESS HARD FOR AT THIS TIME.

6. SHARP THEN RAISED US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, NOTING DRAFT OF EC DECLARATION PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK TIMES SEPTEMBER 24. SECRETARY EXPLAINED OUR PROBLEMS REGARDING PROCEDURE CAUSED BY EC NINE IN THIS CONNECTION. FIRST, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO
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THEIR PRESENTING THEIR IDEAS BUT WE FIND IT UNACCEPTABLE THAT ON MATTERS VITAL TO OUR INTERESTS WE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMATION AND PREPARATION OF POSITIONS. SECOND, SO FAR AS THE DRAFT DECLARATION ITSELF IS CONCERNED, IT RATIFIES THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY---SOMETHING WE HAVE SUPPORTED FOR YEARS-- BUT IT HAS NOTHING IN IT ABOUT TRANSATLANTIC TIES. THIRDLY, SOME EUROPEANS ARE UNDER THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THE PRESIDENT NEEDS TO MAKE A TRIP TO EUROPE THIS YEAR AND THAT WE WILL BE SATISFIED WITH ALMOST ANYTHING TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. ACTUALLY, A STRONG DECLARATION OF THE TYPE WE WANT, WHICH WOULD BUILD SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS, WOULD NOT GIVE US ANY DOMESTIC MILEAGE IN THE US. WHAT WE ARE AFTER IS A REDEFINITION OF RELATIONS WITH OUR

FRIENDS AND WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING OF REAL SIGNIFICANCE. THIS ALSO SHOULD INCLUDE CANADA. WE DID NOT START THIS WHOLE UNDERTAKING IN ORDER TO PRODUCE EUROPEAN UNITY; OUR GOAL WAS TO BUILD TRANSATLANTIC TIES.

7. SECRETARY SAID THAT TWO DOCUMENTS PRESENTLY ARE ENVISAGED; ONE PREPARED BY THE EC WHICH, ACCORDING TO ONE PROPOSAL, MIGHT BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER, AND A SECOND DECLARATION BY NATO. HOWEVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE RELUCTANCE ABOUT HAVING MTHE LATTER DOCUMENT SIGNED AT HEADS-OF-GOVERNMENT LEVEL. THE SECRETARY SAID THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENT WHICH IS NOT ALOS SIGNED BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE FEEL THE MAJOR WORK MUST NOW BE DONE IN NATO IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A STRONG DECLARATION.

8. SECRETARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CANADIAN DRAFT DECLARATION TO NATO. HE SAID WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER TO USE THIS PAPER AS BASIS FOR DRAFT OR WHETHER WE WILL WISH TO SUBMIT OUR OWN. IF WE DO, OUR DRAFT WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH CANADIAN DRAFT.

9. SHARP SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH JAPANESE IN TOKYO. THEY SEEMED PUZZLED ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND HE ADDED THAT CANADIANS ALSO WERE PUZZLED. LIKEWISE, NORWEGIANS, WHO ARE NOT IN EC, ARE CONCERNED. HOWEVER, THEY CAN RELY ON NATO DECLARATION, BUT JAPANESE CANNOT.

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SECRETARY SAID WE HAD THESE CONCERNS IN MIND.

10. ON CSCE, SHARP SAID HIS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOVIETS SEEM TO BE RETREATING SOMEWHAT IN PHASE II. SECRETARY SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION FROM GROMYKO THAT SOVIETS WERE WILLING TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT THIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. SECRETARY CONTINUED THAT WE HAVE NEVER FELT CSCE WOULD PRODUCE GREAT RESULTS AND THEREFORE IT MIGHT BE BEST TO END IT MODESTLY. A SUMMIT MEETING TO CONCLUDE CSCE MIGHT GIVE WRONG IMPRESSION THAT GREAT DEAL HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. SHARP SAID THAT WE SHOULD WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE RESULTS OF PHASE II ARE BEFORE DECIDING ON FINAL LEVEL. HE STRESSED CANADIAN HOPES FOR PROGRESS IN FIELD OF HUMAN CONTACTS. SECRETARY AGREED, ALTHOUGH NOTING HIS CONCERN ABOUT EFFORTS IN SOME CIRCLES TO SUPPORT MASSIVE INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THIS RISKED RAISING OLD IDEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS AND MIGHT CONFIRM VIEWS OF THOSE ON OTHER SIDE WHO HAVE HELD THAT DETENTE WOULD LEAD TO SUBVERSION.

11. AS LAST POINT, SHARP SAID HE WISHED TO RAISE PROBLEM OF OIP POLLUITON, SECRETARY ASKED IF HE REFERRED TO CHERRY

POINT REFINERY, SHARP CONFIRMED BUT SAID QUESTION WAS MORE GENERAL AND ALSO INCLUDED EAST COAST AREA AS WELL. HE THOUGHT WE HAD A COMMON INTEREST IN RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM BUT IT WAS A DIFFICULT ONE TO HANDLE. SECRETARY REPLIED HE KNEW ABOUT PROBLEM AND OUR FORMAL POSITION ABOUT IT, BUT HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GIVE PERSONAL ATTENTION TO PROBLEM TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY NUANCES IN POSSIBLE APPROACHES WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. HE THEREFORE WOULD PREFER TO DELAY DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER UNTIL HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO GO INTO IT AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING IT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH SHARP WHEN THEY MET AGAIN IN NEAR FUTURE.
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